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Memorandum

TO: Commission

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FR: Legislation Committee

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RE: Committee Recommendations

The Legislation Committee met on June 13 and referred two items to Commission. An additional item, AB 3034, is referred, but without recommendation.

- a. **AB 996 (Spitzer)** would allow the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) access to certain information needed to manage FasTrak[®] accounts, and to collect toll charges and other fees from persons we were heretofore unable to contact due to confidentiality laws.

Current law provides home and work address confidentiality to a very long list of public servants, their spouses and their children, such as the attorney general, police and other public safety officers, city council members, boards of supervisors, municipal parking enforcers and museum guards, among others.

While the protections afforded these individuals were originally intended to protect them and their families, the law as written and expanded over time also prevents agencies such as BATA from contacting their customers and others as problems develop. For example, we may know a vehicle is a regular FasTrak[®] lane violator, and also know the vehicle registration license plate number, but we would be blocked from knowing the owner of the vehicle or the owner's address.

AB 996 remedies the above problem.

Committee Recommendation: Support

- b. **AB 2094 (DeSaulnier)**, which came before the Commission in March, makes the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) full, voting members on the Joint Policy Committee. The measure also gives BCDC, together with partner agencies, authority to plan for sea-level rise in the Bay.

The measure is before the Commission again in response to a request from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to change MTC's support position to "support and seek amendments" that JPC membership be comprised of locally elected officials. Currently, BCDC is comprised mostly of non-locally elected officials, and continues its work with ABAG seeking flexibility and a transition period for BCDC membership on the JPC.

Committee Recommendation: Support and seek an amendment that a majority of BCDC members on the JPC be locally elected officials, and that BCDC be allowed a two-year period to transition its members onto the JPC.

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c. **AB 3034 (Galgiani) — California High-Speed Rail Bond Act**

The committee made no recommendation on AB 3034 and, instead, referred it to Commission for further discussion. Staff reported that a series of additional amendments to AB 3034 were likely to emerge in the week prior to the Commission meeting in June.

At its meeting in May, the Commission asked staff to seek amendments to AB 3034 that would allow for a larger portion of bond funds to be used for transit extensions that connect to the High Speed Rail system. Staff reported at the Legislation Committee meeting in June that it is very unlikely such amendments would be included in the bill.

Adding the Altamont rail corridor to the list of high-speed train system corridors eligible for bond revenues is consistent with MTC's Resolution 3829, adopted by the Commission last October.

AB 3034 is urgency legislation to update and expand upon provisions of the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, the \$9.95-billion general obligation bond measure slated to appear on the November 2008 ballot. AB 3034 makes the Altamont Corridor eligible for bond revenues.

Committee Recommendation: None